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Britain Asks For Postponement Of Jap Peace Treaty Date

Washington, July 16.

The United States State Department has accepted the British Commonwealth explanation that August 15, the date announced earlier today for the Japanese peace treaty conference, was inconvenient. The United States is expected to agree to a postponement of the negotiations until sometime in September.

Malay Youth Organisation Branded

Singapore, July 16.

A Malay youth organisation with a membership of ten thousand, mostly of Indonesian blood, has been declared an "unlawful society" by the Governor of the Malayan Union, Sir Edward Gent.

The organisation, called the API, and "freedom through blood" as its slogan.

The Governor's action followed the recent conviction of the API leader, Ahmad Boestaman, on a charge of sedition.

During the trial, the judge described Boestaman's political testament as "a spiritless invocation to Malay youth to join the API—Angkatan Perpaduan Insai—and achieve independence through blood in the shortest possible time."

He held that its tendency was to excite subjects to alter the present system of government through violence.

The judge then fined Boestaman, who appealed, later withdrew his appeal, paid the fine and then re-assumed leadership of the movement.

The API was formed early in 1948 out of the Malay National Party, which was founded towards the end of the Japanese occupation with the object of making Malaya part of the Indonesian Republic.

MEMBERS' UNIFORM

Before the arrest of Boestaman, the API members wore a uniform consisting of a white shirt with the API flash, white trousers, black socks (Malay national headdress) with two red and white buttons. Red and white are the Indonesian colours. The officers wore red ties.

The API flag, which was flown at all meetings and demonstrations before Boestaman's arrest, showed a black clenched fist against a red and white background.

In banning the organisation, Sir Edward Gent said he had taken into consideration the political testament in relation to the Society's declared objects, and was of the opinion that the Society was used, or was likely to be used for a purpose incompatible with the peace, good order and welfare of the Malayan Union.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL CORNER

"LADIES and Gentlemen Of The Jury . . ."

WHEN a handful of women some months ago formed themselves into an organisation for the express purpose of obtaining recognition of their public spiritedness by inclusion on the Jury List, it is probable that very few other members of the same sex gave much thought to the implications. It is almost certain they never expected to find themselves in a position where they might become slaves to the law. That, however, is precisely the situation in which they will find themselves after the amended Jury Ordinance has passed its third reading. Morning coffee "dates" and afternoon bridge and mah jong parties will have to give way to the inexorable call of privilege and duty (especially duty, which happens to be backed by law to the extent that a juror, willfully absenting herself, is liable to a fine, and even imprisonment.) A testing time for Hongkong femininity is at hand. The excite-

ment of going three down on a grossly overblown is about to give way to the mental and physical discomfort of sitting for hours listening to tedious evidence, forensic fireworks and impassioned summing-up, with the ultimate responsibility of deciding whether a person has or has not been proved guilty of a crime against society; a searching test of the genuine public-mindedness of our womenfolk. Of course, Government's decision to include women on the Jury List wins approval, if only for the reason that it helps to bring Hongkong a little bit up to date. More important, it may encourage our women to take another step towards civic responsibility—offering themselves as candidates for the future Municipal Council. If they need encouragement they will find it in the knowledge that a woman's point of view in public affairs is no longer discounted; on the contrary, it is sought.

And As An Afterthought

DURING the past fortnight, the Press of Hongkong, on behalf of the public, has tried hard to obtain from the military authorities answers to the questions, who committed the Tokunaga and Saito sentences; why, and how? If

somebody at Headquarters Command has a minute to spare, perhaps he could bring the subject to the attention of the G.O.C. It would be quite in order to add a PS that the public is fretfully waiting for the replies.

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Workmen's Compensation

Government is taking steps looking toward the introduction of uniform workmen's compensation in the Colony, the Hongkong Telegraph learns.

Officials are holding conferences with representatives of larger industries and labour organisations as a preliminary to drafting an ordinance. Progress made so far is "purely preparatory," the Telegraph was told.

Some Hongkong industries have their own workmen's compensation programmes, which operate on a voluntary basis. It is understood that Government is seeking the views of these business leaders and of labour leaders on what might constitute a fair and workable compulsory scheme adapted to the Colony's needs.

SI Nippard's Condition

The condition of Sub-Insp. L. G. Nippard, member of the New Territories Frontier Force who was wounded seriously two days ago in a gun battle, was called "as good as could be expected" this morning.

The European Inspector is at Kowloon Hospital with a bullet in his back. An operation to remove the shot may be undertaken today.

Inspector Nippard and PCC Lau Chek-wah suffered bullet-wounds Tuesday night when they challenged three Chinese in the vicinity of Ma Cho Lung Gap. The Chinese opened fire and ran toward the Shue Tsun river. The effects were hit in the gun battle which followed.

The alternative, it is stressed, would have been to hold the conference within the framework of the Advisory Commission for the Far East set up in Moscow in Russia, the United States, China and Great Britain have the right of veto.

The American invitation is taken as Paris to mean that all the eleven nations attending the conference will have an equal voice in preparing the peace treaty, with no veto right.

There is speculation in official French circles whether the Soviet Union will accept, and, in any case, it is expected that Moscow may raise objections because the conference was not called within the Advisory Commission framework.—Reuter.

HK COUNCIL OF WOMEN

In an effort to encourage women to take a larger part in the Colony's social and civic affairs, a group of women leaders is sponsoring formation of a Hongkong Council of Women.

The movement is an outgrowth of the group brought together a few months ago to seek legislation permitting women to serve on juries.

The Council will be non-political and non-sectarian and eventually will seek affiliation with the International Council of Women, according to preliminary plans. Individual memberships will be open to all women over 18, and women's clubs and organisations may elect representatives to the council.

Mrs. W. L. Calcraft is serving as temporary chairman of the group.

ROUND-UP OF LEFTISTS

Greece Situation

Prague, July 16.

The Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, today reported new mass arrests of Leftists in Greece, with 2,500 seized in Athens and Piraeus alone.

A dispatch from Athens said:

"New mass arrests of democratic citizens were taken place throughout Greece. A further 2,500 persons have been arrested in Athens and Piraeus alone. So far, 70,000 citizens have been arrested in Athens and Piraeus and approximately 50,000 in the provinces."

Tanjug said those seized on Monday included 16 editors and employees of the newspaper "Rizospastis" and nine from the newspaper "Eleftheria Eлада."

"Shoring" involves the risk of slowing down in our industrial activity and in the building trade during the winter season," he said.

He added that the problem was railroad freight cars.

Morrison said Britain's recovery depended "upon international decisions."

JUNE EXPORTS UP

He said the provisional export figure for June was £93,100,000,

which was the highest figure since December 1920.

The keynote to his comments was a sharp warning that short-term prospects of the country were rough but long-term prospects were encouraging.

"In terms of effort and achievement, June shows quite good results,

but in relation to our present problems and difficulties quite good is very long way from being 'good enough,'" Morrison said.

"Whether it will be a long and

very rough road or not so long and only fairly rough depends upon international decisions," he added.—Associated Press.

BATTLE-OVER

London, July 16.

The Exchange Telegraph reported from Athens that an announcement tonight said the battle of Grammata had ended with the guerrillas being put to flight.—United Press.

"INTERFERENCE" COMPLAINT

London, July 16.

The Tass news agency reported from Belgrade today that Gen. Markos, leader of the Greek guerrilla forces, condemned the United States and Britain for "interfering" in the Greek civil war.

In the name of the High Command of the Greek Democratic Army, Gen. Markos said: "The British and American authorities are lending support to Greek royalists and fascists and are fanning civil war in Greece, which is reaching large proportions."

A communiqué distributed to Bel-

grade newspapers by the Albanian Telegraph Agency reviewed British and American aid to the Greek Government.

It accused American offi-

cials of participating in Greek army staff conferences, and said: "We have ample grounds to assume that British

airmen took part in air raids against rebel forces."—United Press.

JET-PROPELLED FLYING-BOAT

London, July 16.

Britain's first jet-propelled flying boat fighter aircraft, the Saunders-Roe Al, made a successful first test flight today.

The Al is a single-seat aircraft,

driven by two Metropolitan Vickers

jet engines, mounted side-by-side in the hull.

As the aircraft is still on the secret list, no further details are available.—Reuter.

Death Of Mr Norman Railton

One of the Colony's best

known personalities and for-

merly a prominent sportsman,

Mr Norman H. L. Railton, died

this morning at St Paul's Hos-

pital after a brief illness.

The son of Mr N. L. Railton

and the late Mrs A. M. Railton, Norman

had spent close on 30 years in Hong-

kong and the Far East, with Mea-

rs Jardine, Matheson and the Indo-

China Steamship Company.

The late Mr Railton was, before

the war, a Lieutenant in the Hong-

kong Volunteers, and was a very

good marksman. He was informed

of Stanley and returned to Hongkong

TWO COLUMNS OF SPORTS NEWS

BRILLIANT BATTING BY DONNELLY

Rain Affects Cricket

London, July 16.

Rain took toll of most county matches today, but at Lords, where the Gentlemen met the Players, the match was not interfered with, and a brilliant batting display was given by Martin Donnelly, New Zealand Test player and Oxford captain this season.

Workmanlike Marino Wins

Glasgow, July 16.

Salvador Dado Marino, 31-year-old Hawaiian from Honolulu, beat Rinty Monaghan, Irish flyweight boxing champion, who deputised for the world champion, Jack Pateron, in a non-title fight here tonight.

The close of play scores were:

At Lords: Gentlemen 302 (Edrich 79, Donnelly 162 not out). Players 67 for two.

At Manchester: Lancashire 16 for no wickets versus Northamptonshire. Rain prevented further play.

At Huddersfield: Yorkshire 38 for one against Leicestershire. Rain prevented further play.

At Birmingham: Warwickshire 104 (Daffery 58, Harding five for 38). Kent two for no wicket.

At Westcliff: Glamorgan 323 (Davies 80, Porter 89, Watkins 75, Peter Smith five for 113). Essex 50 for two.

At Taunton: Somerset 349 for eight (Cooper 113, Watts 51, Tremlett 58 not out). Middlesex to bat.

At Nottingham: Hampshire 222 for two (Rogers 115 not out, McCorkell 50 not out). Nottinghamshire to bat.

At Gloucester: Gloucestershire 99 for three versus Worcestershire. Rain restricted play.—Reuter.

S. AFRICANS' MATCH

Derby, July 16.

Rain interfered with play on several occasions in the three-day match between Derbyshire and the South African team, which began here today, and by the close of play the county had only scored 186 for seven wickets in their first innings.

Nevertheless, Marino dictated the fight throughout. From a bad start when Monaghan dropped him for two with a right to the jaw, the winner forced the exchanges. He drove Monaghan before him in practically every round and it was only in spasmodic bursts that the Irishman looked dangerous.

Monaghan fought gamely and was warned for alleged holding in the second and third round and twice in the ninth before the referee stopped the fight, giving the decision to Marino.—Reuter.

French Tennis Championships

Paris, July 16.

The American girl players have all won their first matches in the French tennis championships.

Here are the results of the main matches:

Women's singles: Miss Osborne (U.S.A.) beat Mrs Muller (South Africa) 6-0, 4-0, 6-3. Miss Brough (U.S.A.) beat Mrs Peterdy (Hungary) 6-1, 4-0, 6-4. Miss Manfredi (Italy) beat Miss de Sorman (Belgium) 6-2, 1-6, 6-0. Miss Kornoczy (Hungary) beat Mrs Straubcová (Czechoslovakia) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

Women's doubles: Mrs Mathieu and Miss Wolpert beat Miss Barber and Miss Claude 6-0, 6-0, 6-0. Miss J. Cason and Miss Quantier beat Miss Bonham and Miss J. Foy 6-2, 8-0. Mrs Arnouretti and Mrs Charpentier beat Miss Carris and Miss Marcellin 6-3, 6-4.

Men's singles: Pellizer (France) beat G. L. Paish (Britain) 1-6, 6-0, 6-4, 6-7, 6-0.—Reuter.

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THE ART OF LAUGHTER

BY TED CAVANAGH

the man who created ITMA, and
who has written the script for it
week by week for the past eight years



"Whoa, hold it, hold it—
give psychology one more
chance!"

FOR the past 80 years or so I have spent most of my time in trying to make people laugh. The amount of material that I have written for stage and radio comedian must now total, I suppose, several millions of words.

Eight years of writing ITMA week by week themselves amount to a respectable aggregate—in quantity, if not in quality—and it appeared that more laughs were scored by the 25th edition than by the first.

I say this not at all out of vainglory. (I can think easily enough, of better ways of occupying myself.) But I suppose it allows me to assert that if I do not yet know the rules governing laughter it is certainly not through lack of application.

Are there any rules?

There are—but they are all rules of thumb.

Making people laugh is an art, not a science. You have to learn how to do it by experience, by guesswork, by trial and error.

There are no laws that govern it, there are only empirical generalisations. You are dealing all the time with responses so unpredictable that the most experienced practitioner can never be altogether sure.

One man's mirth is another man's poison. A jest that will set a West End audience in a roar will fall completely flat in Shepherd's Bush. There is a vast difference between the humour of two adjoining counties—Yorkshire and Lancashire. There are class differences in humour, regional differences, variations as between Englishmen and Scotsmen, between Britons and Americans.

There are well-marked differences between what men find funny and what women find funny. (I do not say that women have no sense of humour; but I know from experience that women are hurt or puzzled or bored by humour that men find irresistibly funny. Knockabout comedy, for example, amuses most men but very few women.)

Why men laugh

LET me venture cautiously on a few generalisations.

Generalisation No. 1 is this: The common factor in all humour is a sense of superiority. That 17th century philosopher Hobbes got very near to the root of the matter when he defined laughter as a sense of sudden glory.

The brothers' prosperity increased steadily until the 1930s, when political disturbances abroad and import duties began to cloud their prospects.

"Why shouldn't we make the stuff in this country instead of importing it?" they asked themselves.

On the way home from Japan Max was shown some combs which he admired. He was still more interested when he was told that they had been made on a machine which turned them out like sausages."

Took a risk

The combs were made from plastic on an injection moulding machine. The description of the machine meant nothing to Max, but when he arrived in London he talked it over with Oscar.

"They decided to risk £6,000 in importing two of the machines from the United States."

The machines were installed in a miniature factory in Walswyn Garden City, and on May 26, 1939, the Kleemann brothers started making their first plastic combs.

When war came ten machines were at work. Now came the new problem. "What about the raw material?"

Oscar did not hesitate. He decided that the firm must undertake the tricky job of making the cellulose acetate moulding powder. It needed.

The plant was bought and installed at Walswyn. But it produced the material for few combs. Nearly all output was needed to make components ordered by Government departments for the war effort.

Most Englishmen (and nearly all Englishwomen) prefer to laugh with rather than at. They do not much like cruelty in their humour.

By Englishmen I include the Scots and the Welsh. I do not include the Irish, who like their laughter to have a large dash of mockery in it.

English (all right then—British) humour is on the whole kindly.

It is a jest that every woman shares with every other woman, and that every man appreciates because he supposes that it is true.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

STAUNTON FARRAGO—Getting organised

THE plan to make Sussex a satellite county, and to evict all its inhabitants to Kent, is being stoutly opposed by the War Office, which has earmarked both countries for a training area.

"To get over this difficulty," to quote an official, "the倾inations of foreign tourists expected next summer will be diverted to recently seized bird sanctuaries, where a holiday camp will be opened for them since all hotels are needed by the Government."

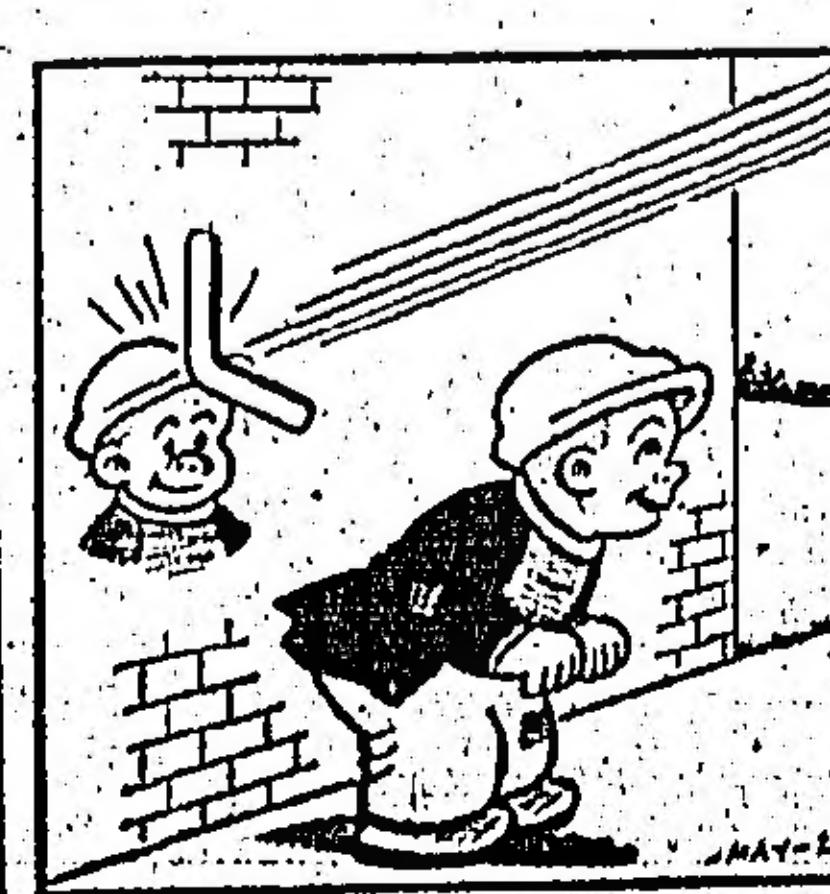
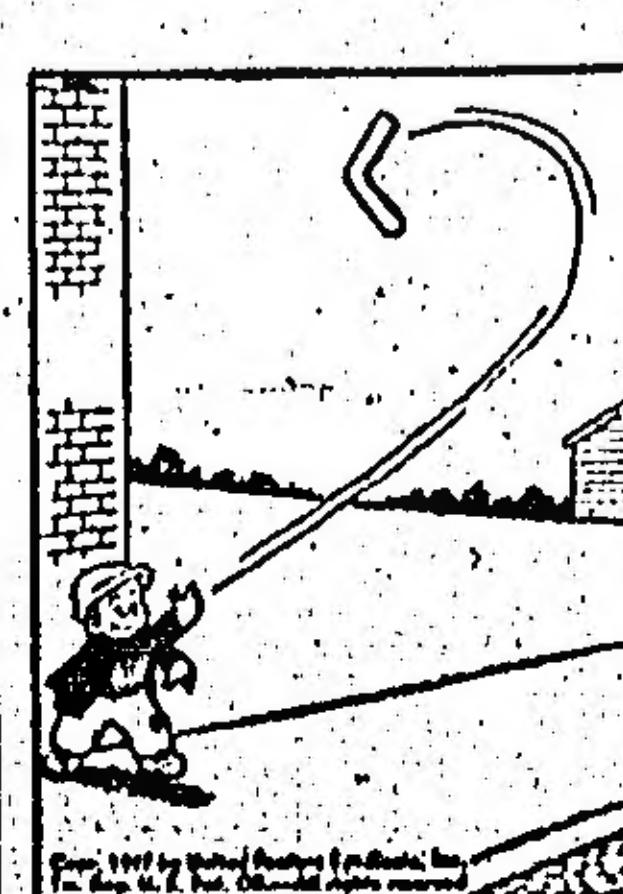
If, however, these bird-sanctuaries are needed for rocket-ranges, landing-grounds or dog-racks, Hampshire, Dorsetshire and Wiltshire will be nationalised as a Planners Zone.

Office conversation

Sue: To Miss Frazer, for interim registration pending circulation to sections S. V. M. & R.
Miss K.: Very well. Send them back as soon as the others come in.
Miss K.: Which ones, sir?
Sue: Both.

Song from "Sordello":
A man with a face like a horse
Rode into a mansion by force,
They gave him some hay,
And sent him away.
Saying, "This isn't Plumpton,
of course". (Browning.)

NANCY Stand-in



only of other husbands, never of himself.

A pendant to this fact is the universal popularity of the mother-in-law jokes. It never fails. The reason is—and I say it against all opposition—that most men like and admire their own mothers-in-law. In her they see what their own wives will be like later on. The comedian would say, of course, that they are merely only trying to laugh it off—but then comedians must have their jokes.

The comic husband

If husbands ceased to be funny the gaiety of nations would go out like a candle, and persons like myself would go out of business. Fortunately there is no danger of either.

The laughter-provoking qualities of the Married Man can be made both visual and audible. There are not so many jests of which this is true. It may be that with the coming development of television the need for exclusively audible humour will pass. But the last decades of broadcasting have made audible humour flourish as never before.

The limitations on exclusively audible humour are severe. Without visual aid the comedian has to exploit every nuance of his voice, and the man who provides the material must explore the furthest recesses of verbal incongruity. It is because of this, I think, that radio humour has exploited (and continues to exploit) the art of the catchword.

Catchphrases

THE Englishman has a well-marked weakness for the comic catchword. In our humour, as in other matters, we prefer the familiar to the unusual. And the Victorian music-hall comedian founded himself very largely on this fact.

You could almost write the history of the Victorian music-hall in terms of its catchwords. We don't want to fight. Get your hair cut; What ho, she bumps; Have a banana. The list is not complete, but any middle-aged Londoner can go on adding to it.

The catchphrase is, I think, as much a part of English humour as the kindly-sense of superiority. It provides the collective element, the feeling of a shared joke, the touch of human nature that makes all men kin. A catchphrase has become something that you enjoy in common with everybody else who listens to the radio.

But if there is any formula for the creation of successful catchphrases, I have not been able to discover it. Like all other jests, they have to be found simply by trial and error.

The most accurate analysis of all these matters, so far as I know, has been made by Harold Nicolson in his essay *The English Sense of Humour*. It is an admirable scrutiny—witty, penetrating and scholarly. Perhaps I may sum up the art of the catchphrase by quoting what Mr. Nicolson has to say about a radio show that features a comedian called Handley:

"It is packed with descending incongruities, denials of expectation, releases from constraint; it exploits the naive-comic, all forms of rigidity or pretension, self-importance and professionalism."

There you have—in language more formal than I would venture to use myself—exactly what I understand by the art of the laugh.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

Miss K.: Miss Sudders thought they should be left until the other couplet come in.

Sue: Haven't they been up and down yet?

Miss K.: No, sir. Mrs. Scowle has those, ready to return.

Sue: Return where?

Miss K.: To Miss Frazer, for interim registration pending circulation to sections S. V. M. & R.

Miss K.: Very well. Send them back as soon as the others come in.

Miss K.: Which ones, sir?

Sue: Both.

INDO-CHINA TRAIN MASSACRE

Paris, July 16. The Agence France Presse, in a dispatch from Saigon, said today that about 40 passengers on the Saigon-Phanthiet train were massacred by Viet Nam rebels. An unspecified number of other persons was injured before French troops, rushing to the aid of the travellers, drove the rebels off, the dispatch said.—United Press.

Marshall Wants More Ruhr Coal

Washington, July 16. While the Secretary of State, General George Marshall, declared here today that the United States Government "very urgently" desires an increase in the Ruhr coal production, British authorities in Berlin stated that the expected announcement of the Anglo-American agreement for raising the permitted level of German steel output had been postponed indefinitely.

General Marshall, addressing press conferences, said that an increase of Ruhr coal production was the fundamental basis of the European reconstruction plan now being worked out in Paris.

While he stressed the "great importance" which he attaches to the Ruhr as being the centre for raw material needed for the rehabilitation of Europe, he insisted that he did not want anything done now that would cast a doubt on the fact that the initiative, as far as the Marshall Plan was concerned at this time, was clearly up to Europe.

According to a Reuters cable from London, no date was known as yet having been set for the coal discussions, but it was confirmed that Sir William Strang, the British political adviser in Germany, would head the delegation to Washington when the discussions start.

Sir William Strang will be accompanied by Lt.-Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, Deputy Military Governor, and other officials.

The United States determination that Germany help in Europe's economic recovery was stressed in Paris today by Mr. Averell Harriman, Secretary for Commerce, who arrived there from Rome on his way to the United States, a Reuters cable reported from the French capital.

Asserting that the United States policy to Germany had not been modified by the new instructions issued yesterday to General Lucius Clay, the United States Zone Commander, Mr. Harriman added: "The United States has no intention of giving Germany priority in the economic recovery of Europe. We are not giving it priority, but we do intend that Germany shall do its share in the economic recovery of Europe."—Reuters.

STERLING'S STATUS FURTHER CLARIFIED

BY SYDNEY GAMPELL
Reuter's Financial Editor.

London, July 16.

A further authoritative clarification of sterling's new status was available here today.

"Convertibility" is a misnomer. Britain has undertaken to make sterling available for payments but has not undertaken to convert it into dollars, gold or anything else.

Overseas central banks are entitled to use their transferable sterling anywhere in the world, but private citizens can do so only through their central banks.

Convertibility into dollars can be exercised only by Americans, who ultimately receive sterling for United States exports. This occurs because the Bank of England buys and will continue to buy any sterling offered in New York at 4.0275 dollars but this is only a British policy, not an obligation.

Relatively little transferable sterling is likely to go to New York for conversion. Overseas countries must hold some to finance their future imports.

NOTICE

TUSITALA CLUB

Get-together of members on Saturday 19th from 6-10 p.m. at Club premises. Send names to Mrs. Huu (Maggie) not later than 17th at Club premises 6 p.m. Guests welcomed.

DEATH

RAILTON.—At St. Paul's Hospital, Hong Kong, on July 17, 1947, Norman Leslie Howard Railton. Funeral passes the Roman Catholic Church, Victoria Street, in the Chapel at 1.45 p.m.

Communist Charges Against Marshall Plan Denied By Harriman

Paris, July 16.

The United States is exporting wheat and coal to shattered Europe "over and above its reasonable capacity," Mr. W. Averell Harriman, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, said here today.

An unspecified number of other persons was injured before French troops, rushing to the aid of the travellers, drove the rebels off, the dispatch said.—United Press.

Immigrants Say Ship Was Filthy

Brisbane, July 16.

Passengers who arrived from Shanghai today in the steamship Halenkala said that they had travelled in filthy and unhygienic conditions.

The ship, for which Lloyd's gives an official tonnage of 3,679 tons, brought 178 immigrants, mostly Indians, Spaniards and stateless refugees, and seven Australian and American passengers including John Marsh, former field representative of the United States War Shipping Administration.

The passengers described the ship in a signed statement as "the most disgraceful ramp ever to be foisted on the public and on foreign refugees who are trying to rehabilitate their lives."

The statement declared that in one compartment measuring 70 by 20 feet, 48 men, women and children died without privacy. Each of them was charged £50 and 10 shillings for the trip.

The master of the vessel, Captain Joquin, said that the accommodation was shown to passengers in Shanghai and they accepted "it for what it was worth."

According to Lloyd's Register, the ship is owned by the Inter-Island Steamship Navigation Company and the port of registration is given as Honolulu.—Associated Press.

Cape Town's Gift To Princess

Cape Town, July 16.

Cape Town is to give Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten a wedding present.

The Mayor, A. B. Bloomberg, is opening a fund of a shilling and upwards and every contributor will have his name on a parchment to go with the present.

It has been suggested that the gift should be a stinkwood suite, but no final decision has been taken.—Associated Press.

INDIAN-FRENCH AIR AGREEMENT

New Delhi, July 16.

India and France signed a bilateral air agreement today along the lines of those recently made with the United States and the Netherlands.

In return for routes through India to Burma, Siam, Indo-China and China or through India to the Middle East, India is given the right to fly routes via French points in North Africa, Marseilles and Paris and through Indo-China.—Associated Press.

Mine Explosions Kill 1, Injure 16

Jerusalem, July 17.

At least a dozen British soldiers were wounded, some seriously, in the detonation of two road mines on the outskirts of Jerusalem on Wednesday night. One soldier was killed in three road mine blasts near Petah Tikvah.

The explosions outside Jerusalem occurred almost simultaneously with a statement delivered to Jerusalem newspapers by Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish underground organisation in which the resistance group "took the responsibility for acts committed this evening which were intended to release Nazanya" from the siege.

Nazanya, the Palestine diamond centre, and the surrounding area have been put under military rule to facilitate search for two kidnapped British sergeants held as hostages for three condemned members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi.—Associated Press.



"The first thing on the agenda is to send some postcards so they'll get back home before we do."

Questions On Ceylon Political Offenders

London, July 16.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, told Mr. D. N. Pritt, Independent Labour member, in the House of Commons today that in the absence of any specific recommendation from the Governor of Ceylon, he did not propose to take any action to secure that political offenders in Ceylon were eligible for election to the new legislature.

Mr. Pritt had asked if the Minister had observed that the Ceylon State Council on May 14 passed a resolution calling for the amendment of Section 13, 3/F, of the Constitution Order of 1946, in order to remove the disqualification of political offenders.

He also wanted to know if, in view of this new fact and the general desire in Ceylon for this amendment, he would now make the amendment, or take other steps to secure that political offenders shall be eligible for election to the new legislature.

Mr. Creech Jones, in a written reply, said: "The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. As regards the second part, in the absence of any specific recommendation from the Governor, I propose to take no action in the matter."

Mr. Pritt also asked if the Minister would give early and sympathetic consideration, in the light of the desire expressed by the State Council of Ceylon and by Ceylon public opinion generally that convictions for political offences should not be a bar to membership of the Ceylon Legislature, to the petition just made to him by Dr. Wickremasinghe for a free pardon for an offence committed by him some years ago.

Mr. Creech Jones replied: "If Mr. Pritt is referring to a telegram which I have received from the person in question requesting the grant of a free pardon, I have not been furnished with any recommendations from the Governor on his behalf, and, on the information before me, I regret that I am unable to vary the attitude stated in my reply of January 22."

First reports said that they met with cool reception. The committee went into session shortly after the plane bringing Vice-Premiers Seladit and Gani from Batavia touched down at the airport.

A few hours later Vice-Premier Seladit, and Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Tamzil took off again for Batavia, reportedly to ask an extension of time to consider the Dutch proposition.

The Dutch programme is understood to be: 1. The Dutch recognise that the problem of internal security is the Republic's. This is a major concession by the Dutch. 2. Cession of all fighting areas around demarcation lines. 3. The Indonesian police force will be under the interim government controls and special Dutch police units will be stationed in strategic points throughout Java for emergencies. 4. Abolition of the present demarcation lines.

United Press.

Inspection By Gani

Batavia, July 16.

The Vice-Premier of the Republic, Dr. A. K. Gani, told the Dutch agency Antea today at Jogyakarta that he was travelling to Sumatra within a few days to inspect the situation at the demarcation lines.

He said other Republican officials would do the same in Java.—United Press.

**OCEAN FLOOR
STUDY**

Woodshole, Mass., July 16.

A scientific expedition is en route to study the mid-Atlantic Ridge—a rugged mountain range on the ocean floor believed to have been left when the Americas separated from Europe and Asia.

The equipment includes tubes to shoot into the ocean floor to obtain core specimens, a sonic device to measure the depth of mud deposits and submarine cameras.

The ridge, which rises two miles above the ocean floor, runs from Iceland to the Antarctic.

The expedition will attempt to chart underwater mountain ranges and determine the age of the ridge.—United Press.

Deepest Wrinkle

Washington, July 16.

The Hydrographic Office of the United States Navy today published a chart of the world's most rugged ocean bottom—a stretch between Korea and New Guinea—based partly on soundings taken by United States warships in wartime.

The chart shows that the deepest trench is a 40,000-foot difference in elevation between the bottom of the Mindanao trench and the tops of the highest mountains in eastern Philippines.—United Press.

Mine Explosions Kill 1, Injure 16

Jerusalem, July 17.

At least a dozen British soldiers were wounded, some seriously, in the detonation of two road mines on the outskirts of Jerusalem on Wednesday night. One soldier was killed in three road mine blasts near Petah Tikvah.

The explosions outside Jerusalem occurred almost simultaneously with a statement delivered to Jerusalem newspapers by Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish underground organisation in which the resistance group "took the responsibility for acts committed this evening which were intended to release Nazanya" from the siege.

Nazanya, the Palestine diamond centre, and the surrounding area have been put under military rule to facilitate search for two kidnapped British sergeants held as hostages for three condemned members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi.—Associated Press.

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

ZBW, Hongkong, broadcasting on a frequency of 843 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2 p.m., and 625 kilocycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.30, 7.30 to 8.30 and 11 to 11 pm.

"Request" Variety Favourites; 7 p.m. "Circus" Musical Entertainment Service; 8.30 Studio; "La Dent-Illeure Francaise"; 8 London Relay; Home News from 9.30; "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" with Betty Grable; 10.30 Studio; "Record Revue"; a review of the latest records received by ZBW. Presented by Nicki Lorraine; 10.30 "Grandstand"; 10.30 Piano Recital by Vladimir Horowitz; 9.30 Beniamino Gigli; 10.30 Tenor; 10.30 "World War II"; 10.30 "Pond's Cold Cream".

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No Support For ITO Voting Revision

Geneva, July 16.

The United Kingdom move at the trade conference here to depart from the "one country one vote" principle in the forthcoming voting of International Trade Organisation conferences, and that extra weight be given to the vote of larger countries, failed to obtain the support of the Preparatory Committee today.

NEW BRITISH NOTE TO RUMANIA

London, July 16.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that the British Government was considering further measures in connection with the internal situation in Rumania.

The spokesman said the Foreign Office had already decided to dispatch a new note to the Rumanian Government, answering Rumanian allegations of Anglo-American interference in Rumanian legislation and administrative measures.

This allegation was included in the Rumanian note just received in London.

While Rumanian obligations of arrest in Bucharest last June are still lacking, the British Foreign Office has received fresh reports indicating that a number of Rumanian Opposition personalities are under arrest.

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Canada supported the proposal, while the United States reserved its decision, which, it was understood, depended on the ultimate shape of the Charter.

The question has been referred to a sub-committee for further consideration. There was support for a suggestion that the question be left for decision to the World Trade Conference in November.

The original solution suggested for voting in ITO conferences by the New York draft charter was that each member should have one vote.

The United Kingdom's view was that the provision was not satisfactory as far as actual operation of the ITO was concerned, since some of the smallest countries with the least trade could outvote the big countries with a great proportion of world trade. The United Kingdom thought weight should be dependent on external trade, national income, population and the percentage of trade to national income. According to this scheme, the United States, for instance, would have 390 votes, the United Kingdom 335, Russia 100, India 104, Brazil 120 and Cuba, Chile 115 votes.

Strong opposition came to the United Kingdom's proposal from most of the smaller countries, the Latin Americans and others, who were all insisting on the "one country one vote" rule being adhered to.

Australia's Objection

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